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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ABINGDON DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JOEL A. SMITHERS

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Case No.: 1:17-CR-00027

ORDER

The Government has submitted a Motion to Seal the three exhibits cited as proposed attachments to its Motion *in Limine* to Exclude and/or Limit Joel A. Smithers' Proposed Expert Testimony, which was filed on September 13, 2024, as Docket Item No. 421 (the "Motion *in Limine*").

The Court determines that, for the reasons stated by the Government in its Motion to Seal, a sealing order is necessary in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE **ORDERED** that Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2, and Exhibit 3 of the Government's Motion *in Limine* be filed under seal.

September 15, 2024
Date

/s/ James P. Jones
Senior U.S. District Judge